

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: AQUEOUS DISPERSION TYPE PRESSURE-SENSITIVE ADHESIVE COMPOSITION  
AND PRESSURE-SENSITIVE ADHESIVE PRODUCT

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants submit the following explanations: English Language Abstracts, submitted herewith, constitute concise statements of relevance for Japanese Patent Application Publication Nos. 61-254678, 60-245651, 2003-041124, 10-330693, 08-053652, 02-006584, 2002-155251, 03-079671, 08-217946 and 04-103653. Applicants also note that JP 2003-503539 corresponds to WO 00/78884 and JP 2001-515091 corresponds to WO 99/11728.

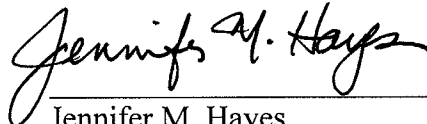
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